Shri C. Sankar : May I know whether this Government has demanded any amount from the Central Government for this purpose ?

Shri A. J. John : This Government is incurring some expenditure on this account.

ശ്രീ. ടി. കെ. ദിവാകരൻ : തെംപിലില്ലായ്മയുമായ് ബന്ധപ്പെടുത്തി ചെയ്യുന്നതായി രേഖപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളതു് കോട്ടയത്തിനുള്ളിൽ ഏതുപോൽ എന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. Speaker : You mean in the whole of Travancore-Cochin area ? I doubt whether the Minister's memory can be so sharp.

ശ്രീ. എ. ജെ. ജോൺ : ആ വിവരം എനിക്കറിയില്ല.

Shri N. Rajagopalan Nair : In answer to part (b) the Minister has answered that no other relief measures are proposed by this Government. I want to know whether this Government has got any other proposal apart from the recommendation of the Planning Commission to combat this crisis.

Shri A. J. John : This Government has got some proposals.

Shri N. Rajagopalan Nair : May I know what are the relief measures that this Government proposes to do ?

Shri A. J. John : Supply of tapioca at controlled price and supply of rice at concessional rates.

Shri P. S. Nataraja Pillai : May I know whether there is any special reason for selecting this State by the Planning Commission?

Shri A. J. John : On account of the persistent demands of this Government.

Mill Cloth Cess Fund

*12. [12] **Shri C. Sankar :** Will the Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any amount has been allotted from the Central Mill Cloth Cess Fund by the Government of India to our State ;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, how much has been allotted, and

(*c*) how do our Government propose to utilise the above amount ?

Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies (**Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon**) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Does not arise.

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But there has been a meeting of the All India Handloom Weavers' Board where the question has been discussed and a copy of the proceedings has been received by this Government, but no order has ben received from the Government of India.

Shri C. Sankar : Is the Minister aware that the problem of unemployment has become very acute among the handloom weavers?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : The All India Handloom Weavers' Board did not refer to the question of unemployment. But they referred to the question as to what proportion of the Mill Cloth Cess Fund should be given to the Board.

Shri C. Sankar : May I know whether the Government has drawn up a scheme to combat the question of unemployment among the weavers ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : With reference to this question what the Government has done, is to ask the Central Government to set apart a certain proportion of the amount for this purpose..

Shri C. Sankar : May I know the purpose of collecting this fund ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : The Mill Cloth Cess Fund has been instituted to give some help to the handloom weavers.

Shri C. Sankar : What is the sort of help envisaged by the Government ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : That will depend upon the amount received. When that amount is received action will be taken.

Shri C. Sankar : Am I to take it that the Government has not thought over the matter till now ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon: Government has thought over the matter, but not in relation to the Cess Fund we are going to get.

ശ്രീ. ടി. കെ. ദിവാകരൻ : ആം ഇൻഡ്യാ ഹാൻഡ്ലൂം ഡിവേ ഴ്സ് ബോർഡിൽ ഈ സംസ്ഥാനത്തെ ഏതെങ്കിലും പ്രതിനിധിയുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. പനമ്പിള്ളി ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ : അതിനു നോട്ടീസു വേണം

ശ്രീ. ടി. കെ. ദിവാകരൻ : സെസ് ഫണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സഹായം ലഭിക്കുമെന്നുള്ള അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ഈ സംസ്ഥാനത്തു് ഏതെങ്കിലും സെൻസസ് എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. പനമ്പിള്ളി ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ : ഉണ്ടു്. അതനുസരിച്ചു് ഒരു കണക്കും കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

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Shri P. S. Nataraja Pillai : May I know the probable amount anticipated to be received by this Government ?

ശ്രീ. പനമ്പിള്ളി ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ : ആം ഇൻഡ്യാ ഹാൻഡ്ലൂം വീവേഴ്സ് ബോർഡിൻറെ പ്രൊസീഡിംഗ്സിൽ കാണുന്നതു് അവിടെ സ്വീകരിച്ചു് ഫാർമുലാ അനുസരിച്ചു വ൪ഷം ലക്ഷം രൂപാ കിട്ടുമെന്നാണു്.

Shri P. S. Nataraja Pillai : Has the Government considered any scheme for spending that amount for helping the handloom industry ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : Not for spending this amount. Government have under consideration several schemes and some have been finalised regarding handloom weavers, and this amount will be utilised for that.

Shri P. S. Nataraja Pillai : May I know at least the major details of the scheme now formulated to utilise this fund ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : That is a long list.

Mill and Handloom Industries

*13. [13] **Shri C. Sankar :** Will the Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether our Government propose to take any measures to avoid competition between the Mill and Handloom Indus tries; and

(*b*) if so, what are the measures proposed to be taken ?

Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies (**Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon**) :

(*a*) and (*b*) This does not come within the province of the State Government.

Shri C. Sankar : May I know whether the Government is prepared to give some concession to the handloom industry in order to avoid competition between the mill and the handloom industries ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : It is not within the province of the State Government to do anything to prevent competition between the mill and the handloom industries. Of course, we can give some help to the handloom weavers.

Shri C. Sankar : May I know whether the Government are prepared to consider the report with a view to give a portion of the cess fund and also some reduction in the price of handloom products ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : There is nothing preventing the Government from considering that question.

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